

King Announces Three New Hires and New Office Locations

Monday, December 10, 2012

Washington, DC- Congressman Steve King released the following statement today to announce he will be closing offices in Creston, Council Bluffs and Storm Lake because of redistricting and will be using the limited resources to open offices in Ames, Fort Dodge and Mason City. Staff additions will be Jeremy Davis in Ames, Jim Oberhelman in Fort Dodge and State Senator Merlin Bartz in Mason City. Details on exact locations will be announced at a later date. The three new offices will be in addition to existing offices in Sioux City and Spencer.

"I am very pleased to add three new outstanding district representatives to our team and I know that they will serve this district and my constituents faithfully," said King. "They bring unique skill sets to the table and I look forward to working with each of them as we work to represent all of the people in the new Fourth District."

Ames- Jeremy Davis

Since 2007, Jeremy Davis has worked as an Executive Officer for the Iowa College Student Aid Commission and served as the agency's legislative liaison to various Congressional offices and federal departments. Davis has also served on the Ames City Council since 2010 and recently completed a two-year term on the Ames Economic Development Commission Board of Directors. He previously worked at Iowa State University as an Enrollment Services Advisor. Davis completed his Bachelor's and Master's of Science Degrees in Agricultural Education along with a Master's of Education Degree in Higher Education- all from Iowa State University.

Fort Dodge- Jim Oberhelman

Jim Oberhelman brings 15 years of experience as a Regional Representative and the U.S. Military Academy Coordinator for Congressman Tom Latham. In his position he handled county outreach, constituent casework and ran the Military Academy Selection Board. Since 2007, he has also served as the Co-Chairman of the Webster County Republican Party and previously worked in the State of Iowa House of Representatives. Oberhelman attended Iowa State University and the University of Iowa.

Mason City- Merlin Bartz

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Elected in 2008, Merlin Bartz is currently the Iowa State Senator from the 6th District. From 2002-2004 he served as the Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of Natural Resources and Environment and the Midwest Regional Assistant Chief at National Resources Conservation Service from 2004-2007. He previously served in the Iowa House of Representatives from 1991-1993 and the Iowa Senate from 1993-2002. Bartz was also Senate Assistant Majority Leader in the 77th, 78th and 79th General Assemblies. He attended school at Luther College and received a Bachelor of Arts in music and political science.